

## Are You Prepared for Winter Storms?

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Read more on page 4 for what you can do before, during, and after a flood and to prepare for winter storms in general.

## City of Fremont Set to Celebrate its 60th Anniversary!

2016 isn't just another year for Fremont. Next year, the City will be celebrating one of its biggest milestones yet — its 60th anniversary!

The City of Fremont will host a celebration to applaud how far the City has come in the past 60 years, from establishing itself as a city to creating a brand new Downtown for its residents.

To memorialize this special day, there will be a time capsule ceremony, which will include items that reflect Fremont's culture, diversity, life, and energy from the perspective of our city's youth. It will be installed at the event on the site of the City's future Civic Center. The time capsule is scheduled to be opened 40 years later at its 100th anniversary.

To enhance the celebration, join us on Capitol Avenue between Fremont Boulevard and



State Street for a festive community picnic with food trucks and live music.

Fremont businesses, nonprofits, and community groups are also invited to host various festivities to commemorate the celebration throughout 2016. Keep an eye out for a calendar of events on the City website to find out when all of the celebrations will be taking place. For more information, visit [Fremont.gov/60Anniversary](http://Fremont.gov/60Anniversary).



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**T**he City of Fremont established itself as a city almost 60 years ago. Since then, we've been laser-focused on realizing a solid and sustainable vision for Fremont's future.

Over the last several years, city leaders and community members have been pursuing the following goals: nurturing Fremont's role as an advanced manufacturing hub, building a vibrant new downtown core, and maximizing the opportunity in Warm Springs to create a jobs-focused, transit-oriented Innovation District. After many years of careful planning and strategic partnerships, we're seeing healthy progress.

For starters, the new BART station in Warm Springs/South Fremont is almost complete. Residents, commuters, and visitors will soon have access to BART in Fremont's Innovation District, and the resulting employment growth will be a game changer for the region.

Most recently, the City finalized the sale and development of the Centerville Unified Site, which broke ground last month. This project, Artist Walk, features 28,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space on Fremont Boulevard, 185 residential units, and a privately-owned and operated community room for all residents. We hope to see the project attract a mix of retail and restaurant tenants creating an active social hub for the neighborhood. Artist Walk has been a long-awaited project for our community, and we're happy to see it finally moving forward.

This is an exciting time for Fremont. We are enhancing our existing community assets and making our city even more accessible to residents, visitors, and job seekers. Fremont is increasingly being recognized regionally and globally as a dynamic hub of innovation and advanced manufacturing, and we are proud of the thoughtful planning efforts that have guided our success.

If you're interested in additional details about Fremont's vision for the future, please take a look at [Fremont.gov/GeneralPlan](http://Fremont.gov/GeneralPlan).

*Fred*

Fred Diaz, City Manager

## Winter Recreation

### Winter Break Camps for Kids

**T**he school holiday vacation is just around the corner, and the City of Fremont Recreation Services has you covered! We've got indoor and outdoor sports camps, tennis camps, "just for fun" camps, academic enrichment camps, and everything in between. All of our camp locations offer extended care to help with full day coverage from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pick up your free copy of our Recreation Guide at City Hall, Community Centers, and at Central Park/Lake Elizabeth.

For information visit [Fremont.gov/Camps](http://Fremont.gov/Camps), register online at [www.RegeRec.com](http://www.RegeRec.com), or call 510-494-4300. We'll see you in camp!



### Aqua Adventure Waterpark Stocking Stuffer

**A**re you looking for the perfect holiday present or stocking stuffer? Look no further then Aqua Adventure Waterpark! The 2016 Season Pass and 2016 Admission Tickets go on sale December 2015 at special holiday rates. Don't miss out. Surprise your family with a splashing good time at Aqua Adventure!

For information, visit [GoAquaAdventure.com](http://GoAquaAdventure.com).



## City of Fremont

**The City Council** meets the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave.

Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at [Fremont.gov/Webcasts](http://Fremont.gov/Webcasts).

**Sign up** for our news at [Fremont.gov/eNews](http://Fremont.gov/eNews)

### CONNECT WITH US!

Follow the City and many of its departments on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Nixle—we will keep you posted on everything from community events, new business openings, traffic updates, friendly tips, and other City-related information that may help you and your family.

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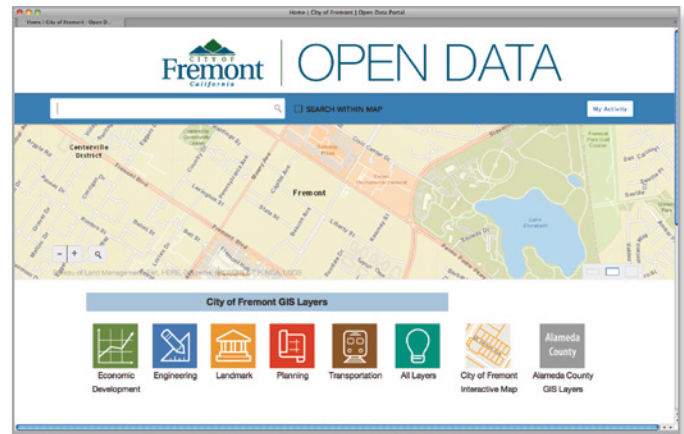
# City Hall News

## Fremont Facilitates Transparency with 'Open Data' Initiative

Citizens expect anywhere, anytime access to information. The availability of open data encourages third parties to use publicly accessible data to develop digital applications and services to support technological innovation and economic growth. To facilitate government transparency, accountability, and citizen

engagement, the City of Fremont has published its first dataset of "open data," one of the strategic initiatives in the City's Information Technology Strategic Plan. To view the Plan, visit [Fremont.gov/ITStrategicPlan](http://Fremont.gov/ITStrategicPlan).

The City of Fremont Geographic Information Systems (GIS) public map data has been released on the City's "Open Data portal" and can be downloaded in various machine readable formats at [Fremont.gov/OpenDataPortal](http://Fremont.gov/OpenDataPortal). The portal improves access to the data and is freely available for citizens to use and republish with some



[Fremont.gov/OpenDataPortal](http://Fremont.gov/OpenDataPortal)

noted disclaimers that the information is provided "as is." The GIS data can also help develop user-friendly applications with forward-looking predictive analytics.

The City of Fremont is continuing its work to refine the current open data portal. Future enhancements include sharing publicly available financial and permitting data.

## Weigh In on Community Conversations

Did you take notice of the Fremont Vision newsletter that made its way into your mailbox? If so, we hope you didn't just toss it aside! This winter, the City is launching several topical forums on Fremont Open City Hall, our online forum, because we want your feedback! We'll be looking for comments and suggestions on various matters of interest, including: mobility (e.g., traffic and transportation), sustainability (e.g., water and energy), community character/design compatibility, and public safety.



We will also want to get your input on larger development projects. City planners and decision makers will keep these comments in mind as they review new projects and make recommendations for changes to development rules and regulations. It's helpful for us to hear your ideas and/or suggestions for improving a project as well as your thoughts on any policies the City should evaluate. Sign up on Fremont Open City Hall at [Fremont.gov/OpenCityHall](http://Fremont.gov/OpenCityHall) to be notified when new topics are posted.

### City Services At-A-Glance

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# Our Community



## Are You Prepared for a Flood in Your Neighborhood?

*The City of Fremont has a long history of flooding, dating back to the 1950's. With El Niño on the way, there's no better time than the present to prepare.*

**T**he City's Street Maintenance Division, along with the collaboration of other City departments, has developed a storm response plan to be as prepared as possible. At right are some ways you can better prepare as well.

### What should you do before a flood?

- Determine if your property is located in an area that is subject to flooding by using the following resources:
  - Visit [MSC.fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov)
  - Visit [Fremont.gov/FloodInfo](https://www.fremont.gov/FloodInfo)
  - Visit the City's GIS Map at [Fremont.gov/GISMapRoom](https://www.fremont.gov/GISMapRoom) to obtain copies of Elevation Certificates and Letters of Map Changes
  - Email inquiries to [floodinfo@fremont.gov](mailto:floodinfo@fremont.gov) or call the Flood Zone Information Line at 510-494-4718
- Purchase flood insurance on your property
- Maintain gutters, inlets, channels, and pipes free of obstruction and debris
- Protect your property from the hazards of flooding
- Develop an evacuation plan for your family

### What should you do during a flood?

- Tune-in to local commercial radio or television stations and watch for Warning Bulletins and any corresponding emergency instructions such as those disseminated through the City's Community Alert System, CodeRED®.
- If dangerous flooding conditions are imminent, avoid driving a vehicle if possible. Do not attempt to drive or wade through deep pockets of water or running washes. Unstable banks should be avoided.
- Avoid low-lying areas. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible.



### What should you do after a flood?

- Listen to the radio for emergency instructions
- Avoid driving if possible
- Follow established procedures for property damage repairs



**For more information on how you can be better prepared for the upcoming storm season, visit [Fremont.gov/FremontStormWatch](https://www.fremont.gov/FremontStormWatch). You may also contact the City's Maintenance Division at 510-979-5700 or [maint@fremont.gov](mailto:maint@fremont.gov), or the City of Fremont Flood Information Line at 510-494-4718 or [floodinfo@fremont.gov](mailto:floodinfo@fremont.gov).**

*Listed below are the City's sandbag policy and locations, as well as important contact information.*

LOCATIONS FOR SANDBAGS		INFORMATION	
Fremont residents and businesses may pick up a maximum of 10 sandbags per household/business at the locations listed to the right.	<b>City of Fremont Maintenance Yard</b> 42551 Osgood Rd.	<b>City of Fremont Maintenance</b> 510-979-5700	<b>Alameda County Water District</b> 510-668-4200
	<b>Fire Station No. 5</b> 55 Hackamore Ln.	<b>Alameda County Flood Control</b> 510-670-5500	<b>Union Sanitary District</b> 510-477-7500
	<b>Fire Station No. 10</b> 5001 Deep Creek Rd.		<b>Pacific Gas &amp; Electric</b> 800-743-5000

## DOWNTOWN FREMONT ON THE RISE★

### Pardon our Progress!

*Have you noticed a few changes in Downtown lately? With guidance from the Downtown Community Plan, an award-winning plan recognized by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the International Downtown Association, the Downtown initiative is gaining momentum.*

In October, the Fremont community joined together to celebrate the grand opening of the Capitol Avenue extension between Fremont Boulevard and State Street, which was funded by a \$5.8 million One Bay Area Grant (OBAG). The event also included the unveiling of “Heartfulness,”



a steel sculpture that debuted at Burning Man in 2012 and now stands as Downtown’s newest temporary public art gateway piece.

These implementation efforts all kicked off in September 2014 with the demolition of a three-story office building to make way for the multi-model street extension. The finished street now features a gateway entrance, unique screen walls that enhance the pedestrian experience, bike lanes, free

street-side public parking, electric charging spaces, street lights with solar-powered electrical receptacles, and tree-lined 10-15 foot sidewalks. The second phase of improvements for Capitol Avenue, between State Street and Paseo Padre Parkway, are underway and will feature the same amenities and street furnishings for a uniform ‘complete street’ experience.

The transformation will continue in spring 2016 with

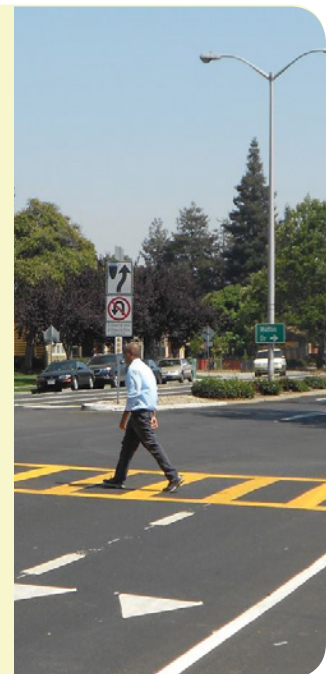
construction of the first mixed-use private development known as ‘State Street’ — offering 157 residential condominiums and approximately 21,000 square feet of ground-level retail space along Capitol Avenue. Construction of Phase 1 of the new civic center will begin in 2017 — including a 25,000 square-foot community meeting facility and 60,000 square-foot urban plaza. These projects are both critical in the transformation of the City’s Downtown and will serve as the “social heart” of the community.

If you would like to provide comments on what independent retailers and restaurants you would like to see in Downtown’s first mixed-use development, visit [Fremont.gov/OpenCityHall](http://Fremont.gov/OpenCityHall) to weigh in. For more information about Downtown, visit [Fremont.gov/Downtown](http://Fremont.gov/Downtown).

## Citywide Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project

The City of Fremont’s Pedestrian Master Plan encourages the development of safe intersection crossings throughout the city. The proposed “Citywide Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project” will install pedestrian crossing enhancements at 20 locations over the next two years. The locations evaluated for crossing safety enhancements are primarily non-signalized intersections that are located on arterial streets with high pedestrian activity areas, and have moderate to high traffic volumes and speeds. The safety improvements being considered may include installation of some or all of the following elements: high visibility striped crosswalks, flashing beacons, advanced crosswalk limit lines and signing, median pedestrian refuge islands, corner bulb-outs, narrowing of vehicle travel lanes to slow traffic, and other effective devices. The goal is to create shorter street crossing distances for pedestrians and increase motorists’ visibility of pedestrians.

In September 2015, the City adopted Vision Zero as a safety program to reduce roadway fatalities and severe traffic-related injuries. The proposed crossing enhancements are just a few of the steps that the City is planning to implement in order to make Fremont a safer and more walkable city. The project is funded by Alameda County’s Measure B and BB sales tax dollars. For more information, please contact the City’s Rene Dalton at [rdalton@fremont.gov](mailto:rdalton@fremont.gov) or 510-494-4535.



# Our Community



## Progress in Warm Springs

The opening of BART's Warm Springs/South Fremont Station, expected in spring of 2016, will mark a significant achievement for the Warm Springs area. It will be the only station from Oakland to the planned end of the line at Berryessa in San Jose, which will be capable of sustaining a major employment center. The City is poised to receive Measure BB funds to complete the West Access Bridge and Plaza that will run over the Union Pacific railroad tracks and connect existing major employment centers, such as Tesla and Thermo Fisher Scientific, to this new station. These exciting updates will continue to optimize the City's strategically urban vision and are anticipated to be completed in 2018.

And there's more progress coming soon! Lennar, Toll Brothers, and Valley Oak Partners will be initiating three separate projects consistent with the Warm Springs Community Plan, helping to realize Fremont's 21st century jobs-focused, transit-oriented Innovation District.

The Lennar and Toll Brothers projects will be located on the two largest plots of land nearest the station, with construction starting as soon as late spring/summer 2016. This progress will begin with major backbone infrastructure work, including new multimodal streets that will incorporate bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly walkways and utilities. The Valley Oak Partners project will follow in 2017, and will take place just north of Lennar's project. Overall, progress in the Warm Springs transit area will include an elementary school, public park and plazas, up to 4,000 residential units, over 1.7 million square feet of commercial, office and R&D space, and a hotel. For more information on what's happening in Warm Springs, please visit [Fremont.gov/WarmSprings](http://Fremont.gov/WarmSprings).

## Fremont's Commitment to Affordable Housing

The strong Bay Area economy is generally good news, but one downside that's resulted is the increase in housing costs throughout the region. That's why the City continues to support affordable housing and provide people at all income levels the ability to live and work in Fremont.

Construction is proceeding on Laguna Commons, a 64-unit affordable supportive housing community, partially funded by the City. The project is located on Fremont Boulevard near the Five Corners intersection. When completed in summer 2016, the development will serve those at income levels ranging from 30 percent to 60 percent of the median. Almost half of the units will be reserved for veterans. Those seeking application information for an apartment at Laguna Commons should visit [Fremont.gov/LagunaCommons](http://Fremont.gov/LagunaCommons) and add their email address to the interest list.

This past June, the City Council also awarded funding to the nonprofit developer MidPen Housing for the Stevenson Family Apartments, an 80-unit affordable project on Stevenson Place. The City's funds will help attract other outside monies that will allow the project to move forward with an anticipated completion date of late 2018.

Lastly, with the approval of mixed-use, mixed-income development proposals by Lennar and Toll Brothers for the area around the new Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station, the developers will construct more than 400 new affordable rental units.

Make sure to check out future editions of City News for updates on all of these projects.



## Home Sharing Offers Creative, Affordable Housing Solutions

In an effort to create more affordable housing options for its residents, the City of Fremont reached out to HIP Housing, the San Mateo based nonprofit that runs one of the nation's largest Home Sharing programs and has been around for more than 40 years. As of August 1, 2015, the organization now serves those who are seeking housing who live or work in the City of Fremont and persons with a room to rent who live in Fremont, Newark and Union City. In San Mateo County, HIP provides affordable housing for more than 1,400 people each year.

The Home Sharing Program creates affordable housing from the existing housing stock by matching people who have spare bedrooms with those looking for a place to live. It is a mutually beneficial solution — those renting out a room in their home (Home Providers) can supplement their income, while those who need a place to live (Home Seekers) can find stability and security at an affordable rate. It may be possible for a renter to exchange light chores like shopping, cooking, cleaning, etc., to offset some of the rent.

Nettie Criss and Jim “Reggie” Regino are a perfect example. Nettie has served as a Home Provider since 1998 and Jim is the third housemate she’s hosted through the program. Like most Home Sharing clients, Nettie came to HIP Housing to mitigate

some of her housing costs. She explains how the Home Sharing Program has been helpful for both her finances as well as her housemates’ finances. “It’s helpful to me because I’m on a fixed income. It helps me as well as my housemates.”

While Jim and Nettie have had an exemplary relationship, sharing a home can come with occasional conflicts. That’s why HIP Housing has developed a system to help prevent and mitigate any problems. When matches are made, both parties sit down with one of the organization’s experienced counselors to perform a “Living Together Agreement,” wherein they outline the rules, details, musts, and deal-breakers for cohabitating. From there, every participant has long-term counseling available to them for as long as they



**HIP**housing

remain in the program, with the staff serving as an unbiased, professional support system for the clients.

HIP Housing’s solutions are especially useful in the current housing climate as the average cost of rent continues to rise. The organization has seen a sizeable increase in calls about Home Sharing.

For more information about HIP Housing’s Home Sharing Program, please contact HIP Housing Coordinator Laura Moya at 510-574-2173 or visit the City’s Human Services Department at 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B in Fremont. For more information you may also visit [HIPhousing.com](http://HIPhousing.com).



## Remove It, Lock It or Lose It

Auto burglaries are a crime of opportunity and unfortunately several Bay Area cities have noted increases in this crime over the last several months. You can greatly reduce your risk of being an auto burglary victim by following a few simple steps to remove your valuables and lock your vehicle. To learn more, watch the Fremont Police Department’s “Remove It, Lock It or Lose It” auto burglary prevention video at [YouTube.com/FremontPoliceDept](http://YouTube.com/FremontPoliceDept).



## Are You an Informed Community Member?

How does the Fremont Police Department tell community members about recent crimes incidents and share information about road closures, community meetings, and events?

**The answer is NIXLE** — a secure communications service used by the Fremont Police Department for community outreach, traffic management, missing persons, press releases, and more.

To sign up, all you need is an email address or a cell phone with text messaging. The system is free (standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers) and provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to receive information. Also, there is no spam or advertising associated with NIXLE Municipal Wire messages. Go to [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) to sign up. Or, simply text your ZIP CODE to 888777.



## Fall 2015 FUSD Bond Measure E Projects Update – Newsletter Now Available

Approved by Fremont Voters in 2014, Measure “E” is a \$650 million school facilities bond that is addressing critical needs for all schools throughout the district. Find out more about the Measure “E” summer 2015 projects, the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, and new building ribbon cuttings. You can download the newsletter at Fremont.k12.ca.us.



## FUSD Schools Celebrate New Buildings with Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

FUSD held two ribbon cutting ceremonies to celebrate the opening of new buildings funded by voter-approved Measure “E” in 2014. Azeveda Elementary School opened its new classroom building on September 29 in front of a large audience and featured a performance by Azeveda’s Mandarin Immersion students. Mattos Elementary School held its own ceremony on September 30, opening a new classroom building and science labs.



## Fremont High Schoolers Top State Average in ACT Scores for 6th Consecutive Year

Job well done! FUSD High Schools added to their long run of outpacing the state average in ACT (American College Testing) scores, topping California in all five categories measured for 2015, and improving on their 2014 performance in each subject. Over a six-year period beginning in 2010, FUSD schools have outperformed the state average every year in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Composite.

## FUSD High Schools Boast 130 National Merit Semifinalists



Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) high schools were well represented among the 16,000 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2016. In total, 130 FUSD students, representing all five of the District’s comprehensive high schools, were on the list, helping Fremont post the third-highest number of semifinalists (131) among cities in California — trailing only San Jose (245) and San Diego (178). Congratulations!



Prince Padania (right) along with his wife, My Hong.

## Oliveira Elementary’s Prince Padania Recognized by Alameda County

Oliveira Elementary School teacher — and FUSD’s reigning Teacher of the Year — Prince Padania was recognized along with teachers from throughout the region at the Alameda County Office of Education’s 2015 Teacher of the Year Awards on October 8 in Castro Valley.

## Leitch Elementary Students Present ‘Giant Check’ to Red Cross

Capping off an outstanding effort to assist victims of recent wildfires in Northern California, second graders in Amy Lin’s class at Leitch Elementary School presented a homemade ‘giant check’ for \$1,000 to a representative from the Red Cross on October 13. The check represented proceeds from the class’s ‘Fun for a Cause’ carnival and fundraiser in late September. Students designed and operated all the games at the carnival that were enjoyed by Leitch students with or without a donation to the cause.



*Congratulations to Ms. Lin and all her students for their hard work in making a dark time a little brighter for their fellow Californians!*



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# 2015 Coastal Cleanup Day

**T**he City of Fremont would like to thank the 272 volunteers who came out for Coastal Cleanup Day on September 19. Your efforts removed 1,560 pounds of trash and 280 pounds of recyclables from Fremont's waterways, and added to the statewide efforts which removed 559,103 pounds of trash and 74,867 pounds of recyclables. To learn more about the statewide efforts, check out the California Coastal Commission's website at [Coastal.ca.gov/publiced/pendx.html](http://Coastal.ca.gov/publiced/pendx.html).

## Fremont by the Numbers:

- Total number of volunteers = 272
- Pounds of trash removed = 1,560 lbs.
- Pounds of recyclables removed = 280 lbs.
- Number of miles covered = 4.5 miles



## Feed Mother Nature

**T**he holidays are a time when tables and tummies are filled with mouthwatering meals and in turn, lots of leftovers are produced. Therefore, 'tis the season to compost! Composting is quick and easy. All you have to do is put your compostable material — food scraps, food-soiled paper, plant material from Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, flowers and centerpieces — in your green organics bin.

Diverting these materials from the landfill is great for the environment. Compost replenishes nutrients and amends soil. It conserves water by retaining moisture where roots need it most. It also reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and their associated water pollution.

Composting reduces air pollution as well. Plant matter produces methane when it decays in a landfill. This greenhouse gas is 21 times more potent than the carbon dioxide created when that same material is composted.

Composting reuses organic materials, which make up more than half of residential waste. Since 1994, Fremont residents have diverted nearly half a million tons of plant waste from landfills. While that is worth celebrating, food still makes up a third of all waste from single-family homes. When our landfills fill up prematurely, the cost is reflected in your trash bill.

So give a gift to yourself and the environment this holiday season and throughout the year. Please place food scraps and other organics in your green bin.





## Fremont Goes Solar in a Big Way!

The City of Fremont is committed to environmental sustainability, having recently installed solar photovoltaic (PV) carport structures at the Aqua Adventure Waterpark, the Robert Wasserman Fremont Police Center, and the Irvington Community Center. These systems, plus one more planned for the City's Maintenance Center, total over 1.5 megawatts of power, the equivalent of 422 Fremont homes' annual electricity use. They will supply over 14 percent of the City's municipal electric demand and will reduce our municipal greenhouse gas "footprint" by more than five percent, saving the City \$2.6 million on energy bills over the next 20 years.

Fremont was able to procure its municipal solar systems through the Regional Renewable Energy Project (RREP), a multi-agency effort spearheaded by Alameda County that represents the largest collaborative purchase of renewables in the nation. For more information on the RREP, visit [Fremont.gov/RREP](http://Fremont.gov/RREP). Seeing firsthand how collaborative purchasing can make the process of going solar easier and more affordable, the City launched a residential group solar effort called East Bay SunShares. East Bay SunShares ran from August through October, helping residents in Fremont and other participating East Bay communities obtain solar for their homes through discounted pricing as low as \$3.50/watt (15 percent below market rate). A total of 628 East Bay homeowners signed up for SunShares, with 850 new kilowatts of solar PV capacity installed and counting! Since the program launched, over 100 new residential systems have been installed in Fremont alone, bringing our solar PV count to 1,776 homes, 60 businesses, and 15.5 megawatts.

As the price of solar continues to drop and more residents choose to install solar, the City has worked to streamline the residential solar permitting process. Specifically, turnaround times for small



*Solar carport structures at Robert Wasserman Fremont Police Center.*

residential rooftop solar permits have been reduced to three days maximum, permit applications may now be submitted by fax or email, and only one City inspection is now required. All solar permit forms and instructions can be found online at [Fremont.gov/SolarPermit](http://Fremont.gov/SolarPermit). With an average of 100 new residential solar permits issued monthly, Fremont anticipates having over 2,000 homes powered by solar by the end of 2015!

These various solar efforts help to reduce our community's total electricity consumption from the power grid, thereby improving our energy independence. In addition, these efforts bring us one step closer to achieving our community-wide 25 percent greenhouse gas reduction goal by 2020 and improve our chances at bringing home the \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize!

You can learn more about solar energy at [Fremont.gov/Solar](http://Fremont.gov/Solar).

## Time to Sweep Up and Clean Up

While Fremont's leaves are beautiful to look at, they can be a big hassle to clean up. As winter approaches, we ask that you please dispose

of your leaves responsibly. Avoid sweeping leaves into the gutter. Excessive piles of leaves will not be picked up by the street sweeper, and will cause storm drain blockage. Instead, sweep up and deposit leaves into your residential green organics bin. Thank you!



### Coupon for Boy Scout Pickup (cut along dotted line)

Please include all information requested on the coupon.

Mail coupon to: **BSA Holiday Trees**, Mike Whittaker,  
2356 Night Shade Lane, Fremont, CA 94539

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Nearest Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to:

**Boy Scouts of America** and mark the following:

☐ \$5 compostable tree or ☐ \$10 non-compostable tree



## Christmas Tree Composting

Each year, Fremont residents buy thousands of Christmas trees that could end up in landfills if they are not properly composted. You can reduce the environmental impact of the holiday season by purchasing and then planting a live tree, using an artificial (reusable) tree, or having Republic Services pick up your tree at the curb (if you have curbside service) to compost the tree following the holidays. Christmas trees are compostable if they are free of all decorations, tinsel, nails, and tree stands (including the wooden kind, nailed to the bottom of the trunk). Any tree that is flocked, contains fire retardant, decorations, or tinsel cannot be composted and will be disposed of in the landfill. Here are a few different ways you can compost your Christmas tree in Fremont:

### A. Green Organics Bin

- Cut compostable tree so pieces fit loosely in your organics bin with the lid closed.
- Place the bin at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

### B. Gutter

- If your tree is less than 6 feet in length, place the whole tree in the gutter on your collection day.
- If your tree is over 6 feet in length, cut the tree in half and place both halves in the gutter on your collection day.
- Make sure your tree is in the gutter, not on the sidewalk.
- Check that your tree is free of all decorations when placed in the gutter; this helps keep our storm drains litter-free.

### C. Garbage Bin (Please use this only as the last option.)

Compost your tree first, if possible.)

- For a non-compostable tree, please cut it up so pieces fit loosely in your garbage bin with the lid closed.
- Place the bin at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

If you live in a multifamily complex please contact your property manager to learn how your tree can be properly composted.

### D. Drop off at Republic Services Customer Service Center

- You can also drop off your tree at the Republic Services Customer Service Center, located at 42600 Boyce Rd. from December 28, 2015 to January 29, 2016.
- The customer service center is open from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Compostable trees may be dropped off for free. There is a \$5 charge to drop trees with flocking, fire retardant, decorations, or tinsel.
- If you have any questions regarding pick-up or drop-off service, please call Republic Services at 510-657-3500.

### E. Boy Scouts of America Pick-up Service

- Please make arrangements with the Boy Scouts to have your tree picked up outside your residence on **Saturday, January 2, 2016**.
- Please mail in the coupon above by Wednesday, December 23, 2015.
- If you choose to have the Boy Scouts pick up your tree, please do not place it anywhere near the gutter or on the sidewalk. Instead, place your tree on your lawn, driveway, or other designated outdoor area (visible from the street) that you arrange with the Boy Scouts. Christmas tree composting information is also available at [Fremont.gov/Environment](http://Fremont.gov/Environment).



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**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER**

# City of Fremont *Holiday* Closure

Scheduled for **Dec. 24, 2015** to **Jan. 1, 2016** { Police, Fire Services Not Affected }

**T**he City of Fremont is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City Services from Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 through Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 2015, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 24, 25, 31, 2015 and Jan. 1, 2016. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016. **This closure will not affect police and fire services.**

## Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:

- **City Hall**, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- **Fire Administration**, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
- **Development Services Center**, 39550 Liberty St.
- **Maintenance Center**, 42551 Osgood Rd.
- All **Community Centers**

## Offices and facilities providing limited services during the Holiday Closure include:

- **Parks and Recreation**, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B (for walk-in registration of recreation programs only, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 21–23 and Dec. 28–30)
- **Community Centers and Recreation buildings** with Holiday Day Camps, Programs, and pre-booked facility rentals will be closed Dec. 24 – 25 and Dec. 31 – Jan. 1, 2016.
- **Life Eldercare** (clients should contact 510-574-2090 for more information)
- **Afghan Elderly Association** (clients should contact their caseworker for additional information)

## During the Holiday Closure:

- The Fire Department and Police Department will continue to provide public safety services.
- A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
- Animal Services will provide regular services and the Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., will be open Saturday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 29, Wednesday, Dec. 30, and Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016.
- Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 2015 and Jan. 2, 2016, weather permitting; no street sweeping on City-observed holidays.
- The Human Services Department will have one or two crisis counselors available at the Fremont Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty St.
- Garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection by Republic Services normally scheduled for Friday pick up on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2016, will be delayed one day due to holidays. Collection dates will be Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016. Call 510-657-3500 for more information.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will offer camps and other programs.
- Community members with active building permits can call 510-494-4885 for inspections on Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 2015.
- The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. Some holiday public hours; call 790-5510 for tennis-related information.

Historically, demand for many City services during the December and January holiday season is low. It is anticipated that the Holiday Closure will have little or no impact on service delivery efficiency.

**For more information, please visit [Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure](http://Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure) or call 510-284-4093**